

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Calendar of Events

Call the Refuge Office at (757) 986-3705 during business hours for registration or more information.

GUIDED BIRD WALKS

Join us for a guided bird walk on Jericho Ditch Trail led by Refuge Biologist Don Schwab. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a pair of binoculars.

Place: Meet at the Jericho Lane parking area

Dates: Fridays, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13

Time: 6:30 am - 9:30 am

Registration: Contact the refuge office

Cost: Free

OWL PROWL

Even after dark, the animals are still busy. Join refuge staff at sundown to see “whooooo” shows up.

Place: Meet at the Jericho Lane parking area

Date: Saturday, March 24

Time: 7:30 pm

Registration: Contact the refuge office

Cost: Free

FISHING/BOATING ACCESS TO LAKE DRUMMOND

A seasonal special use permit will allow the user to launch canoes, kayaks, or a vessel of 25 hp or less, from the Interior Ditch boat ramp.

Date: April 1- June 15. Not valid May 10-12.

Cost: Free

Registration: Permit and advanced registration required. Applications begin March 1.

GREAT DISMAL SWAMP COALITION MEETING- Friends of the Refuge

Come learn about how you can support the refuge by joining our friends group.

Place: Refuge headquarters. 3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA.

Date: Saturday, April 14

Time: 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Cost: Free

SPRING 2012



PADDLE FOR THE BORDER

Annual paddle event in the Dismal Swamp Canal.

Place: Dismal Swamp Canal. Camden County, NC to Chesapeake, VA.

Date: Saturday, May 5

Registration: Register with the City of Chesapeake at http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Government/City-Departments/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation-Department/Special-Events/special_events/paddlefortheborder.htm

GREAT DISMAL SWAMP BIRDING FESTIVAL

Guided bird walks and bus tours, photography workshops, beginning birding classes and more!

Place: Refuge Grounds

Date: Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12

Registration: Details and registration information on refuge website by mid-March.

Cost: Free

BIRD BANDING

Watch and learn as birds are examined, weighed and banded as part of the MAPS survey of migratory birds.

Place: Jericho Ditch entrance; 1/2 mile south of parking area on Jericho Ditch Trail.

Registration: Not required. See note.

Dates: Fridays, April 20, May, 25, June 1, 15, 22, July 6, 13, 20, Aug 3. The station will also be open during the Birding Festival, May 10-12.

Time: 6:30 am – 11:00 am

**NOTE: Banding may be canceled due to weather or staffing conflicts. We suggest you call before your visit.*

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